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MARITSA VALLEY GETS NEW IRRIGATION SYSTEM

The "Yagoda" (Strawberry) Water Syndicate was created to cope with dry spells in the Trakiya plain, to protect the land from floods by means of dikes, and to drain the marshlands near the Maritsa River. Equipment for three pumping stations, having a total capacity of 3,500 liters per second, was installed during recent years.

The unification of water syndicates in the Maritsa valley brought about the creation of the Purvi May irrigation system, which irrigates an area of about 110,000 decares. The main and tributary canals, having a length of about 180 kilometers and extending throughout the cultivated area, will permit the introduction of a planned general direction of irrigation. On the land included in the Purvi May irrigation system, cotton, vegetables, strawberries, and peanuts will be planted.

The newly established "Vodostroy" (Water Construction) Building Organization has dug canals, built pumping stations, and constructed siphons and drains.

The population of the Maritsa valley took an active part in the construction of the canals. From Gradina, Debur, and Karadzhalovo, in Purvi May Okoiya, 300 to 400 persons were steadily employed in digging the canals. The construction of the canals was completed early in April 1951. After the most necessary supplementary constructions were completed, the large pumping stations were put into operation.

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